from out of its own budget. At present no such proposal of State Government of Orissa is pending with the Government.

(b) No proposal of setting up Ashram schools in Orissa is pending with the Government.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) There is no ceiling limit on the number of hostels. The proposals are considered by Government of India, as and when received from the States, subject to the condition that the proposal is as per the norms of the scheme.

Delhi High Court's notice to Government regarding Implementation of Tribal Schemes

3066. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS to pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi High Court has issued a notice to Government to submit a status report of implementation of the schemes and porgrammes of special Central assistance to the tribal sub-plan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have been failing in their Constitutional and Statutory duty as has been alleged in the petition; and

(c) if so, the remedial action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) to (c) An advance copy of a Public Interst Civil Writ Petition filed by Dr. B. L. Wadehra of New Delhi, in the High Court of Delhi, under article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of appropriate writ direction to the Union of India to effectively evaluate the operation of the scheme for economic upliftment of the Scheduled Tribes population in the country and providing protection against exploitation, has been received. The matter is *sub judice.*

Fund given for Tribal Affairs in the NER

3067. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS to pleased to state:

(a) the amount given to tribal affairs in the North-East Region during the Eighth Five Year Plan and at beginning of Ninth Five Year Plan, State-wise;

(b) the fund given for the State of Manipur, item-wise; and

(c) whether there is any special fund release to the area where the Sixth